

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides an artificial antigen presenting cell (AAPC) comprising a eukaryotic cell expressing an antigen presenting complex comprising a human leukocyte antigen (HLA) molecule of a single type, at least one exogenous accessory molecule and  
5 at least one exogenous T cell-specific epitope. Methods of use for activation of T lymphocytes are also provided.

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